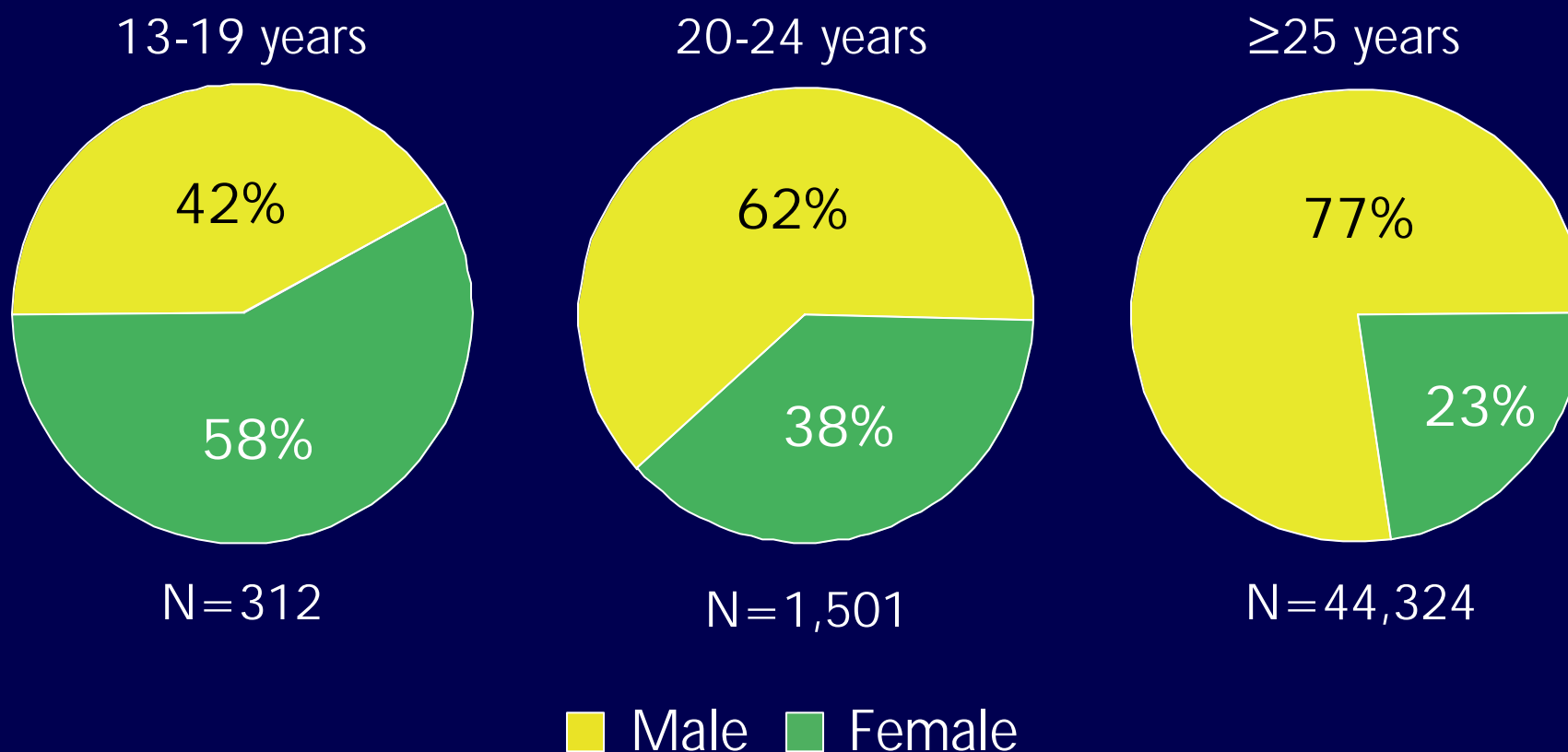


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The male to female ratio of persons diagnosed with AIDS varies by age at diagnosis. Among all persons diagnosed with AIDS in 1999, 77% were male. Among children under 13 years of age nearly half of the persons reported with AIDS were female; among adolescents 13-19 years old slightly more than half were female. In the older age group, the majority of persons (78%) reported with AIDS were male. These differences reflect less HIV transmission among men who have sex with men and injection drug users in the younger age groups. The proportion of AIDS cases among adolescents reported without an identified risk is greater than among persons aged 20 and older, possibly also suggesting an increased role of heterosexual transmission.